(b) whether it is also a fact that the project is likely to hinder considerably the agricultural research in the country and the tie up would virtually bring the agricultural research under private sector;

(c) if so, what are the considerations which weighed with Government to enter into such collaboration; and

(d) what precautionary measures have been taken by Government against the privatisation of agricultural research in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Import of white cement by NAFED

1751. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2301 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1987 and state:

(a) the licence under which the import of white cement by NAFED was made;

(b) whether the letter of credit opened by NAFED for import of white cement bore the import licence number which was issued to NAFED as an incentive for exports; and

(c) what provision of import policy was mentioned in the said letter of credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) NAFED was issued an additional licence for import in 1983-84 as incentive against exports. Accordingly it placed order for import of white cement. Subsequently, it was understood by NAFED that the import of white cement was under OGL for stock and sale and its import did not require additional licence. NAFED claimed its clearance under OGL under 1984-85 policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The provision of Import Policy mentioned in the said letter of credit was:

> OGL Appendix 6, List 8, Part III, Item No. 33 of AM - 1984-85.

Editing of T.V. News Bulletin

1752. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that editing of the News Bulletin for telecast by Doordarshan is done at the Ministerial level instead of by the Producers and Editors of News Bulletin and that, more often than not, minute instructions are issued changes in the News Bulletins thereby hampering their functioning in a professional manner; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of DCM Mills without payment of wages to workers

1753. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Cloth and General Mills management had recently decided to close down the